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# FLORIDA

## Employment Statistics

Department of Labor and Employment Security  
Division of Employment Security



### LABOR MARKET INDICATORS (12-month Averages)

| State of Florida                           | Year Ending<br>September 1983 | Year Ending<br>September 1982 | Percent<br>Change |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force                       | 4,863,800                     | 4,652,000                     | 4.6               |
| Employment                                 | 4,429,600                     | 4,293,500                     | 3.2               |
| Unemployment                               | 434,200                       | 358,500                       | 21.1              |
| Unemployment Rate                          | 8.9                           | 7.7                           | XXX               |
| Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment | 3,826,100                     | 3,758,100                     | 1.8               |
| Unemployment Compensation                  |                               |                               |                   |
| Initial Claims                             | 40,700                        | 42,100                        | - 3.3             |
| Insured Unemployment                       | 83,600                        | 81,000                        | 3.2               |

**LABOR MARKET INDICATORS:** Florida's annual average civilian labor force expanded by more than 200,000 between the twelve-month periods ending September 1982 and September 1983. Average unemployment rose 21.1 percent between the two periods; the average jobless rate increased from 7.7 to 8.9 percent.

**SEPTEMBER JOBLESS RATE DOWN:** Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 8.4 percent in August to 7.8 percent in September. The jobless rate has steadily declined each month since May, when the rate was 9.1 percent. The September 1983 rate matches the 7.8 percent figure recorded last September. The nation's unemployment rate fell from 9.5 percent in August to 9.3 percent in September and 10.2 percent a year ago.

### LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| State of Florida     | Sept. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | July 1983 | June 1983 |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,093,000  | 5,034,000 | 4,926,000 | 4,915,000 |
| Employment           | 4,696,000  | 4,612,000 | 4,511,000 | 4,481,000 |
| Unemployment         | 397,000    | 422,000   | 415,000   | 434,000   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 7.8        | 8.4       | 8.4       | 8.8       |

**Notes:** Data are taken from the monthly results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) and are primarily for use in allocation of money under various federal programs, including CETA. Data are seasonally adjusted.

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**NONFARM EMPLOYMENT:** As usual, nonagricultural employment dropped during the summer months due to schools being closed. Employment dropped considerably in August during the strike by the Communications Workers of America. Overall, nonagricultural employment increased 33,100 from June to September. All the major industry divisions except government experienced some growth during the summer months. Due to the end of the telephone strike and the reopening of schools, employment increased 95,700, or 2.5 percent, in September.

Construction employment increases steadily over the quarter, rising 3.8 percent from June to September. Manufacturing employment expanded 1.9 percent over the same period, with declines in nondurable goods offset by an increase in durable goods employment. Employment in trade rose sharply in July and August, leveling off in September with increases in both the wholesale and retail sectors. Services employment dropped slightly in July and August, but increased in September to 932,900, above the June level of 931,800. In the transportation and public utilities industry division, June and September employment levels were nearly the same. However, the communications industry showed a huge drop in August as the result of the telephone strike, recovering in September.

All major industry divisions experienced employment gains over the year except mining. Total nonfarm employment rose 175,200 (4.7 percent) from September 1982 to September 1983. The annual rate of growth is about the same as it was before the recession. Largest increases were in trade (up 50,200, or 5.1 percent) and services (up 42,400, or 4.8 percent) government, manufacturing and construction all experienced job gains of over four percent.

**HOURS AND EARNINGS:** The average weekly earnings for Florida's manufacturing production workers for September 1983 were \$297.08. This represents an increase of \$2.56 (0.9 percent) over August 1983 and \$7.27 (2.5 percent) over September 1982.

In durable goods manufacturing the most significant over-the-month gains were made in machinery, except electrical industries \$19.81 (6.4 percent), stone, clay and glass products \$4.06 (1.2 percent) and electrical and electronic equipment \$4.48 (1.4 percent). These gains were offset by losses in transportation equipment \$11.44 (3.0 percent) and primary metal industries \$15.10 (4.5 percent).

There was a minimal decrease of average weekly wages from \$281.60 in August 1983 to \$281.46 in September 1983, and average weekly hours from 40.0 in August to 39.2 in September for nondurable goods industries. Chemicals and allied products, showing an \$8.57 (2.2 percent) increase, had the only significant industry gain in nondurable goods. This increase was offset by losses in food and kindred products with a decrease of \$5.05 (1.8 percent).



**LABOR MARKET TRENDS**  
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Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing Industries

| FLORIDA                                | Average Weekly Earnings       |              |              |              | Average Weekly Hours          |              |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings       |              |              |              |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                        | <sup>p</sup><br>Sept.<br>1983 | Aug.<br>1983 | July<br>1983 | June<br>1983 | <sup>p</sup><br>Sept.<br>1983 | Aug.<br>1983 | July<br>1983 | June<br>1983 | <sup>p</sup><br>Sept.<br>1983 | Aug.<br>1983 | July<br>1983 | June<br>1983 |
| MANUFACTURING                          | \$297.08                      | \$294.52     | \$296.46     | \$297.34     | 40.2                          | 40.4         | 40.5         | 40.9         | \$ 7.39                       | \$ 7.29      | \$ 7.32      | \$ 7.27      |
| Durable Goods                          | 309.55                        | 306.00       | 304.84       | 306.94       | 41.0                          | 40.8         | 40.7         | 41.2         | 7.55                          | 7.50         | 7.49         | 7.45         |
| Lumber & Wood Products                 | 240.34                        | 239.99       | 236.19       | 237.62       | 39.4                          | 39.8         | 39.5         | 38.7         | 6.10                          | 6.03         | 6.03         | 6.14         |
| Furniture & Fixtures                   | 229.12                        | 233.69       | 231.82       | 235.42       | 38.9                          | 40.5         | 39.9         | 39.5         | 5.89                          | 5.77         | 5.81         | 5.96         |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products           | 332.56                        | 328.50       | 333.32       | 329.84       | 43.7                          | 43.8         | 43.8         | 43.4         | 7.61                          | 7.50         | 7.61         | 7.60         |
| Primary Metal Industries               | 319.87                        | 334.97       | 331.93       | 314.42       | 39.2                          | 40.9         | 41.7         | 39.6         | 8.16                          | 8.19         | 7.96         | 7.94         |
| Fabricated Metal Prod.                 | 304.73                        | 293.63       | 300.12       | 306.00       | 42.5                          | 40.5         | 41.8         | 42.5         | 7.17                          | 7.25         | 7.18         | 7.20         |
| Machinery, except Electrical           | 327.13                        | 307.32       | 308.48       | 297.60       | 41.2                          | 39.4         | 39.6         | 38.7         | 7.94                          | 7.80         | 7.79         | 7.69         |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment        | 329.47                        | 324.99       | 314.74       | 322.41       | 41.6                          | 41.4         | 40.3         | 42.2         | 7.92                          | 7.85         | 7.81         | 7.64         |
| Transportation Equip.                  | 364.56                        | 376.00       | 374.80       | 379.45       | 39.2                          | 40.3         | 40.0         | 41.2         | 9.30                          | 9.33         | 9.37         | 9.21         |
| Instruments & Related Products         | 308.43                        | 307.19       | 309.59       | 317.69       | 41.4                          | 41.4         | 41.5         | 42.7         | 7.45                          | 7.42         | 7.46         | 7.44         |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries | 203.04                        | 205.49       | 205.44       | 221.23       | 38.6                          | 39.9         | 40.6         | 42.3         | 5.26                          | 5.15         | 5.06         | 5.23         |
| Nondurable Goods                       | 281.46                        | 281.60       | 285.11       | 286.94       | 39.2                          | 40.0         | 40.1         | 40.7         | 7.18                          | 7.04         | 7.11         | 7.05         |
| Food & Kindred Prods.                  | 280.39                        | 285.42       | 279.97       | 278.46       | 42.1                          | 42.6         | 41.6         | 42.0         | 6.66                          | 6.70         | 6.73         | 6.63         |
| Preserved Fruits & Vegetables          | 301.68                        | 302.88       | 296.13       | 292.50       | 46.7                          | 46.1         | 44.8         | 45.0         | 6.46                          | 6.57         | 6.61         | 6.50         |
| Tobacco Manufactures                   | 251.33                        | 242.64       | 261.71       | 271.55       | 37.4                          | 36.0         | 36.5         | 38.3         | 6.72                          | 6.74         | 7.17         | 7.09         |
| Apparel & Other Textiles               | 176.18                        | 171.88       | 167.90       | 173.53       | 36.4                          | 38.8         | 36.5         | 37.0         | 4.84                          | 4.43         | 4.60         | 4.69         |
| Paper & Allied Prods.                  | 439.56                        | 442.88       | 456.96       | 459.45       | 44.0                          | 44.2         | 44.8         | 45.4         | 9.99                          | 10.02        | 10.20        | 10.12        |
| Printing & Publishing                  | 296.80                        | 297.45       | 294.67       | 304.51       | 37.1                          | 37.7         | 37.3         | 38.4         | 8.00                          | 7.89         | 7.90         | 7.93         |
| Chemicals & Allied Products            | 405.74                        | 397.17       | 406.50       | 401.98       | 41.7                          | 41.2         | 42.7         | 42.5         | 9.73                          | 9.64         | 9.52         | 9.45         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products        | 211.80                        | 210.90       | 233.35       | 237.42       | 35.3                          | 37.0         | 41.3         | 41.8         | 6.00                          | 5.70         | 5.65         | 5.68         |
| NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS     | 388.80                        | 376.48       | 389.15       | 396.48       | 46.9                          | 45.8         | 47.4         | 48.0         | 8.29                          | 8.22         | 8.21         | 8.26         |
| Phosphate Rock                         | 410.86                        | 419.14       | 421.18       | 433.14       | 42.4                          | 43.3         | 43.6         | 44.7         | 9.69                          | 9.68         | 9.66         | 9.69         |
| COMMUNICATION                          | 411.41                        | 409.05       | 390.98       | 403.38       | 41.1                          | 40.3         | 40.6         | 40.5         | 10.01                         | 10.15        | 9.63         | 9.96         |
| ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES      | 459.67                        | 451.54       | 444.58       | 445.42       | 43.0                          | 42.2         | 42.1         | 42.1         | 10.69                         | 10.70        | 10.56        | 10.58        |
| BANKING                                | 204.37                        | 204.97       | 204.97       | 202.46       | 38.2                          | 38.6         | 38.6         | 38.2         | 5.35                          | 5.31         | 5.31         | 5.30         |

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These average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect changes in premium pay for overtime and late shift work as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates. Estimates are for all full-time production and related workers who are employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

Estimated Employment in Nonagricultural Establishments (Continued)  
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

| FLORIDA                                                       | EMPLOYMENT<br>(In Thousands of Employees) |                |                |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                               | Sept.<br>1983                             | Aug.<br>1983   | July<br>1983   | June<br>1983   |
| <u>Wholesale &amp; Retail Trade</u>                           | <u>1,032.5</u>                            | <u>1,032.1</u> | <u>1,026.5</u> | <u>1,019.8</u> |
| Wholesale Trade                                               | 222.6                                     | 219.9          | 219.1          | 218.7          |
| Wholesale Trade Durable Goods                                 | 137.4                                     | 136.0          | 134.8          | 133.6          |
| Wholesale Trade Nondurable Goods                              | 85.2                                      | 83.9           | 84.3           | 85.1           |
| Retail Trade                                                  | 809.9                                     | 812.2          | 807.4          | 801.1          |
| Building Materials & Garden<br>Supplies & Mobile Home Dealers | 38.1                                      | 38.0           | 38.0           | 37.3           |
| General Merchandise Stores                                    | 105.5                                     | 106.9          | 106.6          | 104.8          |
| Food Stores                                                   | 138.6                                     | 139.0          | 136.7          | 135.3          |
| Automotive Dealers & Service<br>Stations                      | 89.6                                      | 88.9           | 88.7           | 88.6           |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores                                    | 46.4                                      | 46.4           | 45.8           | 44.8           |
| Furniture & Home Furnishings                                  | 37.5                                      | 36.4           | 36.2           | 36.1           |
| Eating & Drinking Places                                      | 266.4                                     | 266.9          | 265.8          | 263.9          |
| Miscellaneous Retail                                          | 87.8                                      | 89.7           | 89.6           | 90.3           |
| <u>Finance, Insurance &amp; Real Estate</u>                   | <u>294.9</u>                              | <u>294.2</u>   | <u>293.1</u>   | <u>290.9</u>   |
| Banking                                                       | 63.6                                      | 63.9           | 63.7           | 63.3           |
| Credit Agencies Other than Banks                              | 49.0                                      | 48.4           | 48.2           | 47.7           |
| Insurance Carriers                                            | 44.0                                      | 43.9           | 43.7           | 43.9           |
| Insurance Agents, Brokers, &<br>Service                       | 25.3                                      | 25.2           | 25.1           | 24.7           |
| Real Estate                                                   | 93.4                                      | 93.6           | 93.6           | 92.7           |
| <u>Services /2</u>                                            | <u>932.9</u>                              | <u>928.1</u>   | <u>930.5</u>   | <u>931.8</u>   |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places                                 | 87.6                                      | 89.6           | 91.5           | 92.3           |
| Personal Services                                             | 47.1                                      | 46.8           | 46.6           | 46.4           |
| Business Services                                             | 163.1                                     | 160.7          | 158.5          | 161.4          |
| Auto Repair, Services, & Garages                              | 34.4                                      | 34.4           | 34.4           | 33.9           |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services                                 | 16.7                                      | 16.4           | 16.5           | 16.2           |
| Motion Pictures                                               | 5.2                                       | 5.5            | 5.6            | 5.6            |
| Amusement & Recreation Services                               | 59.3                                      | 59.0           | 60.3           | 58.4           |
| Health Services                                               | 268.5                                     | 268.8          | 269.8          | 267.2          |
| Legal Services                                                | 34.9                                      | 35.5           | 35.3           | 35.2           |
| Educational Services                                          | 42.7                                      | 37.8           | 37.4           | 43.2           |
| Miscellaneous Services                                        | 51.7                                      | 51.4           | 50.6           | 50.7           |
| <u>Total Government</u>                                       | <u>642.2</u>                              | <u>589.6</u>   | <u>600.3</u>   | <u>645.4</u>   |
| Total Federal Government                                      | 94.6                                      | 93.7           | 94.4           | 94.3           |
| Total State Government                                        | 133.6                                     | 125.3          | 125.4          | 127.3          |
| Total Local Government                                        | 414.0                                     | 370.6          | 380.5          | 423.8          |

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1/ All industries are classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1977. Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salaried workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month, with the exception of federal employment for the Department of Defense, which is on an end-of-the-month basis. Proprietors, self-employed persons domestic workers and military personnel of the armed forces are excluded. All data are adjusted to the first quarter 1981 benchmark levels.

2/ Includes a miscellaneous group of agricultural service establishments and establish elsewhere classified.

Estimated Employment in Nonagricultural Establishments  
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

| FLORIDA                                                                    | Employment<br>(In Thousands of Employees) |                |                |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                            | P<br>Sept.<br>1983                        | Aug.<br>1983   | July<br>1983   | June<br>1983   |
| <b>TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT/1</b>                                  | <b>3,882.5</b>                            | <b>3,786.8</b> | <b>3,810.7</b> | <b>3,849.4</b> |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                                                       | <b>477.0</b>                              | <b>470.8</b>   | <b>465.0</b>   | <b>468.1</b>   |
| Durable Goods                                                              | 282.0                                     | 278.3          | 275.2          | 271.8          |
| Lumber & Wood Products                                                     | 25.2                                      | 25.4           | 24.7           | 24.3           |
| Furniture & Fixtures                                                       | 12.7                                      | 12.5           | 12.2           | 11.3           |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products                                               | 20.8                                      | 20.5           | 20.4           | 20.5           |
| Primary Metal Industries                                                   | 4.6                                       | 4.6            | 4.4            | 4.5            |
| Fabricated Metal Products                                                  | 35.9                                      | 35.3           | 34.5           | 34.8           |
| Machinery, except Electrical                                               | 40.4                                      | 40.1           | 40.1           | 38.9           |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip.                                             | 67.7                                      | 66.6           | 66.3           | 65.8           |
| Transportation Equipment                                                   | 54.7                                      | 53.5           | 53.0           | 52.0           |
| Instruments & Related Products                                             | 12.0                                      | 11.9           | 11.7           | 11.8           |
| Misc. Manufacturing Industries                                             | 8.0                                       | 7.9            | 7.9            | 7.9            |
| Nondurable Goods                                                           | 195.0                                     | 192.5          | 189.8          | 196.3          |
| Food & Kindred Products                                                    | 49.3                                      | 48.3           | 46.7           | 50.5           |
| Preserved Fruits & Vegetables                                              | 12.2                                      | 11.1           | 11.0           | 13.7           |
| Tobacco Manufacturers                                                      | 2.0                                       | 1.9            | 1.8            | 1.9            |
| Textile Mill Products                                                      | 2.1                                       | 2.1            | 2.0            | 2.1            |
| Apparel & Other Textile Prod.                                              | 32.6                                      | 31.5           | 31.3           | 33.3           |
| Paper & Allied Products                                                    | 15.0                                      | 15.4           | 15.3           | 15.8           |
| Printing & Publishing                                                      | 47.2                                      | 46.7           | 46.2           | 46.3           |
| Chemicals & Allied Products                                                | 25.9                                      | 25.6           | 25.6           | 25.6           |
| Petroleum & Coal Products                                                  | 1.7                                       | 1.6            | 1.6            | 1.7            |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products                                            | 16.6                                      | 16.8           | 16.8           | 16.5           |
| Leather & Leather Products                                                 | 2.6                                       | 2.6            | 2.5            | 2.6            |
| <b>Mining</b>                                                              | <b>9.4</b>                                | <b>9.3</b>     | <b>9.3</b>     | <b>9.2</b>     |
| Nonmetallic Minerals (exc. Fuels)                                          | 8.3                                       | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.1            |
| Phosphate Rock                                                             | 5.2                                       | 5.1            | 5.1            | 5.0            |
| <b>Construction</b>                                                        | <b>259.9</b>                              | <b>257.9</b>   | <b>254.2</b>   | <b>250.3</b>   |
| General Building Contractors                                               | 65.6                                      | 65.6           | 64.6           | 64.4           |
| Heavy Construction Contractors                                             | 41.1                                      | 40.8           | 40.5           | 40.4           |
| Special Trade Contractors                                                  | 153.2                                     | 151.5          | 149.1          | 145.5          |
| <b>Transportation &amp; Public Utilities,<br/>exc. U.S. Postal Service</b> | <b>233.7</b>                              | <b>204.8</b>   | <b>231.8</b>   | <b>233.9</b>   |
| Transportation                                                             | 128.2                                     | 126.4          | 126.3          | 128.3          |
| Railroad Transportation                                                    | 10.1                                      | 10.1           | 10.1           | 10.0           |
| Local & Interurban Passenger<br>Transit                                    | 6.8                                       | 6.8            | 6.9            | 6.8            |
| Trucking & Warehousing                                                     | 42.9                                      | 42.3           | 42.6           | 42.5           |
| Water Transportation                                                       | 14.2                                      | 12.6           | 12.4           | 14.9           |
| Transportation by Air                                                      | 41.2                                      | 41.6           | 41.3           | 41.0           |
| Communication, exc. U.S. Postal<br>Service                                 | 73.7                                      | 46.5           | 73.6           | 73.7           |
| Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Serv.                                            | 31.8                                      | 31.9           | 31.9           | 31.9           |

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Seasonally Adjusted  
Nonagricultural Employment  
Florida  
(In Thousands)

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| Industry                                               | Sept.<br>1983 | Aug.<br>1983 | July<br>1983 | June<br>1983 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL                                                  | 3,934.5       | 3,865.5      | 3,878.3      | 3,842.6      |
| Mining                                                 | 9.3           | 9.3          | 9.4          | 9.4          |
| Construction                                           | 257.6         | 254.8        | 250.9        | 246.3        |
| Manufacturing                                          | 480.0         | 477.7        | 473.7        | 468.2        |
| Durable Goods                                          | 280.9         | 279.0        | 276.7        | 271.5        |
| Nondurable Goods                                       | 199.1         | 198.7        | 197.0        | 196.7        |
| Transportation, Communication, and<br>Public Utilities | 235.4         | 206.1        | 233.4        | 233.9        |
| Trade                                                  | 1,053.0       | 1,051.4      | 1,044.5      | 1,028.8      |
| Wholesale                                              | 224.4         | 221.6        | 220.5        | 218.9        |
| Retail                                                 | 828.6         | 829.8        | 824.0        | 809.9        |
| Eating and Drinking Places                             | 276.1         | 274.4        | 271.9        | 263.9        |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate                    | 295.8         | 294.0        | 292.2        | 289.8        |
| Services                                               | 949.0         | 941.7        | 940.6        | 932.5        |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places                        | 94.4          | 92.9         | 93.1         | 92.7         |
| Health Services                                        | 269.0         | 268.6        | 269.3        | 266.7        |
| Government                                             | 654.4         | 630.5        | 633.6        | 633.7        |

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Unemployment Compensation Activity  
Florida

|                     | Sept.<br>1983 | Aug.<br>1983 | July<br>1983 | June<br>1983 |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Initial Claims/1    | 30,780        | 37,549       | 46,312       | 44,653       |
| Weeks Claimed/2     | 331,704       | 371,041      | 344,548      | 343,473      |
| Total U.C. Payments | \$25,604,795  | \$29,023,462 | \$26,298,537 | \$26,994,258 |

1/ Regular State UI

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force                       | 4,909,600                    | 4,726,900                    | 3.9               |
| Employment                                 | 4,487,900                    | 4,340,800                    | 3.4               |
| Unemployment                               | 421,700                      | 386,100                      | 9.2               |
| Unemployment Rate                          | 8.6                          | 8.2                          | XXX               |
| Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment | 3,870,000                    | 3,762,100                    | 2.9               |
| Unemployment Compensation                  |                              |                              |                   |
| Initial Claims                             | 37,000                       | 44,500                       | -16.9             |
| Insured Unemployment                       | 75,000                       | 88,700                       | -15.4             |

**LABOR MARKET INDICATORS:** Florida's annual average civilian labor force expanded by more than 182,000 persons during the calendar year of 1983. The total number of persons unemployed within the state rose by over nine percent and contributed significantly to the increase in the unemployment rate. Unemployment, however, is expected to begin a gradual decline during the coming year. This should parallel the improvement in the national economy.

#### LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| State of Florida     | Dec. 1983 | Nov. 1983 | Oct. 1983 | Sept. 1983 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,117,500 | 5,063,900 | 5,003,200 | 5,113,200  |
| Employment           | 4,734,500 | 4,655,900 | 4,570,800 | 4,696,800  |
| Unemployment         | 383,000   | 408,000   | 432,400   | 416,400    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 7.5       | 8.1       | 8.6       | 8.1        |

**Note:** Data are taken from the monthly results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) and are primarily for use in allocation of money under various federal programs, including CETA. Data are seasonally adjusted.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT: During the last quarter of 1983, Florida's nonagricultural employment rose 3.5 percent (137,500). In December, total nonagricultural employment passed the four million mark for the first time, reaching 4,014,700. Part of this increase is seasonal but also reflects a stronger Florida economy.

Government employment during fourth quarter 1983 increased by 3.5 percent as compared with a 3.4 percent increase during the same period in 1982. Trade increased in the fourth quarter by 6.0 percent, compared with 5.3 percent last year. Services increased 2.3 percent and 4.1 percent over the same periods.

Manufacturing, the fourth industry in Florida, reached a new high in December of 495,300 jobs as an increase of 3.5 percent (16,800) was experienced during the fourth quarter and 33,700 over a year ago. The increase over the last quarter of 1983 was divided at almost 6,000 per month since September.

Construction has risen to its highest level of employment since December 1981. Since December 1981, construction employment declined until a rebound was started in March 1983. A steady growth in this industry has been made since March 1983, climbing from a low of 236,400 jobs to 256,900 jobs (12.9 percent increase) in December 1983.

Over the year increases were made in all industries except mining which dropped by 400 jobs and transportation, communication, and public utilities which declined by 4,800 jobs. Greatest numerical increases are found in trade (65,700), manufacturing (33,700), services (26,300) and construction (29,100).

Percentage growth on an annual basis is almost as high as in the pre-recession period when percentage growth hovered around the 5.0 percent mark.

HOURS AND EARNINGS: The average weekly earnings for Florida's manufacturing production workers for December 1983 were \$315.46. This represents an increase of \$9.76 (3.2 percent) over November 1983 and \$13.65 (4.5 percent) over December 1982.

In durable goods, manufacturing, the most significant over-the-month gains were made in furniture and fixtures, \$26.29 (11.6 percent), fabricated metal products \$24.21 (8.0 percent), lumber and wood products \$21.81 (9.0 percent) and primary metal industries \$17.27 (5.1 percent). Instrument and related products experienced a loss of \$3.94 over-the-month.

In nondurable goods, manufacturing, the average weekly wages increased from \$296.29 in November 1983 to \$304.61 in December 1983, and average weekly hours from 41.2 in November to 41.9 in December 1983. The most significant over-the-month gains in average weekly wages were made in rubber and miscellaneous plastic products \$16.10 (6.9 percent), and food and kindred products \$13.34 (4.6 percent). Losses were experienced in apparel and other textiles and printing and publishing \$6.89 and \$5.29 respectively.

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Estimated Employment in Nonagricultural Establishments  
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

| FLORIDA                                                                    | Employment<br>(In Thousands of Employees) |                |                |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                            | Dec.<br>1983                              | Nov.<br>1983   | Oct.<br>1983   | Sept.<br>1983  |
| <b>TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT/1</b>                                  | <b>4,014.7</b>                            | <b>3,968.6</b> | <b>3,916.5</b> | <b>3,877.2</b> |
| <u>Manufacturing</u>                                                       | <u>494.3</u>                              | <u>488.3</u>   | <u>482.6</u>   | <u>477.5</u>   |
| Durable Goods                                                              | 290.4                                     | 287.8          | 288.7          | 282.1          |
| Lumber & Wood Products                                                     | 26.4                                      | 26.0           | 25.7           | 25.5           |
| Furniture & Fixtures                                                       | 13.1                                      | 12.6           | 12.7           | 12.5           |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products                                               | 21.1                                      | 21.1           | 21.0           | 20.7           |
| Primary Metal Industries                                                   | 4.9                                       | 4.8            | 4.7            | 4.6            |
| Fabricated Metal Products                                                  | 36.7                                      | 36.6           | 36.4           | 35.8           |
| Machinery, except Electrical                                               | 41.3                                      | 41.0           | 41.0           | 40.7           |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip.                                             | 70.0                                      | 69.1           | 68.4           | 67.7           |
| Transportation Equipment                                                   | 56.5                                      | 56.1           | 55.5           | 54.5           |
| Instruments & Related Products                                             | 12.3                                      | 12.4           | 12.3           | 12.1           |
| Misc. Manufacturing Industries                                             | 8.1                                       | 8.1            | 8.0            | 8.0            |
| Nondurable Goods                                                           | 203.9                                     | 200.5          | 196.9          | 195.4          |
| Food & Kindred Products                                                    | 54.2                                      | 51.6           | 49.2           | 49.1           |
| Preserved Fruits & Vegetables                                              | 16.7                                      | 13.9           | 12.3           | 12.2           |
| Tobacco Manufacturers                                                      | 1.9                                       | 2.0            | 2.0            | 1.9            |
| Textile Mill Products                                                      | 2.1                                       | 2.1            | 2.1            | 2.1            |
| Apparel & Other Textile Prod.                                              | 33.4                                      | 33.5           | 33.0           | 32.5           |
| Paper & Allied Products                                                    | 16.1                                      | 15.9           | 16.0           | 15.6           |
| Printing & Publishing                                                      | 48.5                                      | 48.1           | 47.9           | 47.5           |
| Chemicals & Allied Products                                                | 26.7                                      | 26.6           | 26.2           | 25.9           |
| Petroleum & Coal Products                                                  | 1.7                                       | 1.7            | 1.7            | 1.6            |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products                                            | 16.7                                      | 16.5           | 16.2           | 16.6           |
| Leather & Leather Products                                                 | 2.6                                       | 2.5            | 2.6            | 2.6            |
| <u>Mining</u>                                                              | <u>9.3</u>                                | <u>9.3</u>     | <u>9.4</u>     | <u>9.4</u>     |
| Nonmetallic Minerals (exc. Fuels)                                          | 8.2                                       | 8.2            | 8.2            | 8.3            |
| Phosphate Rock                                                             | 5.2                                       | 5.2            | 5.2            | 5.2            |
| <u>Construction</u>                                                        | <u>266.9</u>                              | <u>263.0</u>   | <u>260.8</u>   | <u>260.6</u>   |
| General Building Contractors                                               | 70.3                                      | 68.8           | 67.7           | 66.0           |
| Heavy Construction Contractors                                             | 44.0                                      | 43.3           | 42.2           | 41.2           |
| Special Trade Contractors                                                  | 152.6                                     | 150.9          | 150.9          | 153.4          |
| <u>Transportation &amp; Public Utilities,<br/>exc. U.S. Postal Service</u> | <u>234.7</u>                              | <u>234.4</u>   | <u>233.6</u>   | <u>233.2</u>   |
| Transportation                                                             | 131.3                                     | 130.3          | 129.1          | 127.9          |
| Railroad Transportation                                                    | 9.8                                       | 9.8            | 9.8            | 10.1           |
| Local & Interurban Passenger<br>Transit                                    | 7.0                                       | 6.9            | 6.9            | 6.7            |
| Trucking & Warehousing                                                     | 44.4                                      | 44.1           | 43.5           | 43.1           |
| Water Transportation                                                       | 14.4                                      | 14.1           | 14.3           | 13.8           |
| Transportation by Air                                                      | 42.2                                      | 41.8           | 41.3           | 41.3           |
| Communication, exc. U.S. Postal<br>Service                                 | 72.5                                      | 72.4           | 72.7           | 73.4           |
| Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Serv.                                            | 30.9                                      | 31.7           | 31.8           | 31.8           |

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Estimated Employment in Nonagricultural Establishments (Continued)  
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

| FLORIDA                                                       | EMPLOYMENT<br>(In Thousands of Employees) |                |                |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                               | P<br>Dec.<br>1983                         | Nov.<br>1983   | Oct.<br>1983   | Sept.<br>1983  |
| <u>Wholesale &amp; Retail Trade</u>                           | <u>1,100.0</u>                            | <u>1,077.8</u> | <u>1,052.6</u> | <u>1,038.0</u> |
| Wholesale Trade                                               | 231.3                                     | 229.5          | 224.5          | 222.1          |
| Wholesale Trade Durable Goods                                 | 141.0                                     | 140.7          | 138.7          | 137.1          |
| Wholesale Trade Nondurable Goods                              | 90.3                                      | 88.8           | 85.8           | 85.0           |
| Retail Trade                                                  | 868.7                                     | 848.3          | 828.1          | 815.9          |
| Building Materials & Garden<br>Supplies & Mobile Home Dealers | 38.5                                      | 38.8           | 38.5           | 38.1           |
| General Merchandise Stores                                    | 120.6                                     | 112.6          | 106.7          | 105.9          |
| Food Stores                                                   | 145.1                                     | 144.1          | 141.7          | 139.2          |
| Automotive Dealers & Service<br>Stations                      | 91.8                                      | 91.5           | 90.6           | 89.5           |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores                                    | 50.7                                      | 48.1           | 47.0           | 46.2           |
| Furniture & Home Furnishings                                  | 39.5                                      | 39.0           | 38.6           | 37.5           |
| Eating & Drinking Places                                      | 285.3                                     | 278.9          | 273.3          | 270.7          |
| Miscellaneous Retail                                          | 97.2                                      | 95.3           | 91.7           | 88.8           |
| <u>Finance, Insurance &amp; Real Estate</u>                   | <u>302.9</u>                              | <u>299.3</u>   | <u>296.4</u>   | <u>294.9</u>   |
| Banking                                                       | 64.1                                      | 63.7           | 63.3           | 63.5           |
| Credit Agencies Other than Banks                              | 50.1                                      | 49.8           | 49.3           | 49.0           |
| Insurance Carriers                                            | 44.5                                      | 44.4           | 44.1           | 44.1           |
| Insurance Agents, Brokers, &<br>Service                       | 25.2                                      | 25.0           | 24.8           | 25.3           |
| Real Estate                                                   | 98.4                                      | 95.9           | 95.0           | 93.5           |
| <u>Services /2</u>                                            | <u>953.5</u>                              | <u>945.7</u>   | <u>936.9</u>   | <u>932.5</u>   |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places                                 | 92.0                                      | 90.3           | 87.5           | 86.9           |
| Personal Services                                             | 48.7                                      | 48.9           | 48.3           | 47.5           |
| Business Services                                             | 162.6                                     | 161.3          | 162.7          | 160.9          |
| Auto Repair, Services, & Garages                              | 35.6                                      | 35.5           | 34.8           | 34.7           |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services                                 | 17.7                                      | 17.5           | 17.2           | 16.9           |
| Motion Pictures                                               | 5.3                                       | 5.2            | 5.2            | 5.2            |
| Amusement & Recreation Services                               | 61.0                                      | 58.7           | 56.9           | 59.0           |
| Health Services                                               | 272.0                                     | 271.0          | 270.5          | 268.5          |
| Legal Services                                                | 36.9                                      | 36.2           | 35.8           | 35.1           |
| Educational Services                                          | 47.9                                      | 47.5           | 47.3           | 43.1           |
| Miscellaneous Services                                        | 53.6                                      | 53.5           | 52.4           | 51.9           |
| <u>Total Government</u>                                       | <u>653.1</u>                              | <u>650.8</u>   | <u>644.2</u>   | <u>631.1</u>   |
| Total Federal Government                                      | 95.9                                      | 95.7           | 93.6           | 93.4           |
| Total State Government                                        | 132.1                                     | 132.1          | 132.2          | 125.3          |
| Total Local Government                                        | 425.1                                     | 423.0          | 418.4          | 412.4          |

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- 1/ All industries are classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1977. Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salaried workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month, with the exception of federal employment for the Department of Defense, which is on an end-of-the-month basis. Proprietors, self-employed persons domestic workers and military personnel of the armed forces are excluded. All data are adjusted to the first quarter 1981 benchmark levels.
- 2/ Includes a miscellaneous group of agricultural service establishments and establish elsewhere classified.

## Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing Industries

| FLORIDA                                              | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              |               | Average Weekly Hours |              |              |               | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |               |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                                      | p<br>Dec.<br>1983       | Nov.<br>1983 | Oct.<br>1983 | Sept.<br>1983 | p<br>Dec.<br>1983    | Nov.<br>1983 | Oct.<br>1983 | Sept.<br>1983 | p<br>Dec.<br>1983       | Nov.<br>1983 | Oct.<br>1983 | Sept.<br>1983 |
| MANUFACTURING                                        | \$315.46                | \$305.70     | \$305.04     | \$301.54      | 42.4                 | 41.2         | 41.0         | 40.8          | \$ 7.44                 | \$ 7.42      | \$ 7.44      | \$ 7.39       |
| Durable Goods                                        | 324.42                  | 312.23       | 312.64       | 309.82        | 42.8                 | 41.3         | 41.3         | 41.2          | 7.58                    | 7.56         | 7.57         | 7.52          |
| Lumber & Wood Products                               | 262.91                  | 241.10       | 244.59       | 241.74        | 42.2                 | 38.7         | 39.9         | 39.5          | 6.23                    | 6.23         | 6.13         | 6.12          |
| Furniture & Fixtures                                 | 253.44                  | 227.15       | 234.43       | 237.41        | 44.0                 | 39.3         | 39.6         | 39.7          | 5.76                    | 5.78         | 5.92         | 5.98          |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products                         | 352.56                  | 350.55       | 341.33       | 333.96        | 45.2                 | 45.0         | 44.1         | 44.0          | 7.80                    | 7.79         | 7.74         | 7.59          |
| Primary Metal Industries                             | 358.39                  | 341.12       | 345.44       | 330.84        | 44.3                 | 42.8         | 42.7         | 41.2          | 8.09                    | 7.97         | 8.09         | 8.03          |
| Fabricated Metal Prod. Machinery, except Electrical  | 328.41                  | 304.20       | 300.21       | 301.86        | 44.2                 | 41.5         | 40.9         | 42.1          | 7.43                    | 7.33         | 7.34         | 7.17          |
| Electrical Equipment                                 | 356.31                  | 343.57       | 334.96       | 326.09        | 43.4                 | 43.0         | 42.4         | 41.7          | 8.21                    | 7.99         | 7.90         | 7.82          |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment                      | 339.13                  | 333.41       | 327.10       | 329.13        | 44.1                 | 42.8         | 41.3         | 41.4          | 7.69                    | 7.79         | 7.92         | 7.95          |
| Transportation Equip. Instruments & Related Products | 360.75                  | 349.22       | 374.26       | 364.98        | 39.0                 | 38.0         | 41.4         | 39.5          | 9.25                    | 9.19         | 9.04         | 9.24          |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries               | 297.41                  | 301.35       | 303.22       | 316.48        | 40.3                 | 41.0         | 40.7         | 43.0          | 7.38                    | 7.35         | 7.45         | 7.36          |
| Nondurable Goods                                     | 220.57                  | 215.28       | 208.74       | 206.56        | 39.6                 | 39.5         | 38.3         | 39.8          | 5.57                    | 5.45         | 5.45         | 5.19          |
| Food & Kindred Prods. Preserved Fruits & Vegetables  | 304.61                  | 298.29       | 294.44       | 290.65        | 41.9                 | 41.2         | 40.5         | 40.2          | 7.27                    | 7.24         | 7.27         | 7.23          |
| Tobacco Manufactures                                 | 306.00                  | 292.66       | 284.01       | 284.75        | 45.0                 | 42.6         | 42.2         | 42.5          | 6.80                    | 6.87         | 6.73         | 6.70          |
| Apparel & Other Textiles                             | 289.10                  | 277.83       | 290.59       | 299.19        | 45.6                 | 44.1         | 44.5         | 46.1          | 6.34                    | 6.30         | 6.53         | 6.49          |
| Paper & Allied Prods. Printing & Publishing          | 271.66                  | 267.54       | 270.74       | 257.85        | 39.2                 | 39.0         | 38.9         | 37.1          | 6.93                    | 6.86         | 6.96         | 6.95          |
| Chemicals & Allied Products                          | 169.81                  | 176.70       | 173.12       | 171.08        | 35.9                 | 37.2         | 36.6         | 36.4          | 4.73                    | 4.75         | 4.73         | 4.70          |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products                      | 456.12                  | 446.68       | 445.42       | 472.31        | 43.9                 | 42.5         | 42.3         | 45.9          | 10.39                   | 10.51        | 10.53        | 10.29         |
| NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS                   | 324.77                  | 330.66       | 330.89       | 318.00        | 39.3                 | 40.9         | 40.8         | 39.7          | 8.16                    | 8.07         | 8.11         | 8.01          |
| Phosphate Rock                                       | 438.51                  | 432.28       | 429.43       | 419.13        | 44.7                 | 44.2         | 42.9         | 42.9          | 9.81                    | 9.78         | 10.01        | 9.77          |
| COMMUNICATION                                        | 249.55                  | 233.45       | 230.68       | 212.05        | 43.1                 | 41.1         | 39.5         | 35.4          | 5.79                    | 5.68         | 5.84         | 5.99          |
| ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES                    | 403.96                  | 393.94       | 381.43       | 390.46        | 46.7                 | 46.4         | 45.3         | 47.1          | 8.65                    | 8.49         | 8.42         | 8.29          |
| BANKING                                              | 425.09                  | 428.70       | 408.11       | 413.88        | 43.2                 | 43.7         | 41.9         | 42.8          | 9.84                    | 9.81         | 9.74         | 9.67          |
|                                                      | 448.40                  | 446.22       | 437.18       | 410.41        | 41.1                 | 40.9         | 41.4         | 41.0          | 10.91                   | 10.91        | 10.56        | 10.01         |
|                                                      | 459.06                  | 459.48       | 449.70       | 447.86        | 42.0                 | 42.0         | 41.6         | 41.7          | 10.93                   | 10.94        | 10.81        | 10.74         |
|                                                      | 214.79                  | 208.13       | 221.13       | 204.91        | 38.7                 | 38.4         | 40.5         | 38.3          | 5.55                    | 5.42         | 5.46         | 5.35          |

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These average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect changes in premium pay for overtime and late shift work as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates. Estimates are for all full-time production and related workers who are employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

Seasonally Adjusted  
Nonegricultural Employment  
Florida  
(In Thousands)

| Industry                                               | Dec.<br>1983 | Nov.<br>1983 | Oct.<br>1983 | Sept.<br>1983 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| TOTAL                                                  | 3,970.3      | 3,964.9      | 3,943.7      | 3,929.3       |
| Mining                                                 | 9.3          | 9.3          | 9.3          | 9.3           |
| Construction                                           | 267.8        | 264.0        | 258.5        | 258.3         |
| Manufacturing                                          | 489.7        | 485.6        | 483.6        | 480.5         |
| Durable Goods                                          | 288.9        | 285.7        | 284.1        | 281.0         |
| Nondurable Goods                                       | 200.8        | 199.9        | 199.5        | 199.5         |
| Transportation, Communication, and<br>Public Utilities | 230.9        | 233.4        | 234.4        | 234.8         |
| Trade                                                  | 1,070.3      | 1,073.1      | 1,065.6      | 1,058.9       |
| Wholesale                                              | 229.6        | 229.6        | 224.9        | 223.9         |
| Retail                                                 | 840.7        | 844.0        | 840.7        | 835.0         |
| Eating and Drinking Places                             | 285.1        | 284.4        | 283.7        | 280.6         |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate<br>Services        | 301.9        | 299.9        | 300.4        | 295.8         |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places                        | 955.9        | 955.3        | 952.3        | 948.6         |
| Health Services                                        | 93.4         | 94.3         | 94.2         | 93.7          |
| Government                                             | 274.0        | 272.0        | 271.3        | 269.0         |
|                                                        | 644.5        | 644.3        | 639.6        | 643.1         |

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Unemployment Compensation Activity  
Florida

|                     | Dec.<br>1983 | Nov.<br>1983 | Oct.<br>1983 | Sept.<br>1983 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Initial Claims/1    | 29,111       | 30,861       | 33,356       | 30,780        |
| Weeks Claimed/2     | 237,087      | 237,883      | 272,714      | 331,704       |
| Total U.C. Payments | \$18,426,134 | \$18,259,828 | \$20,457,887 | \$25,604,795  |

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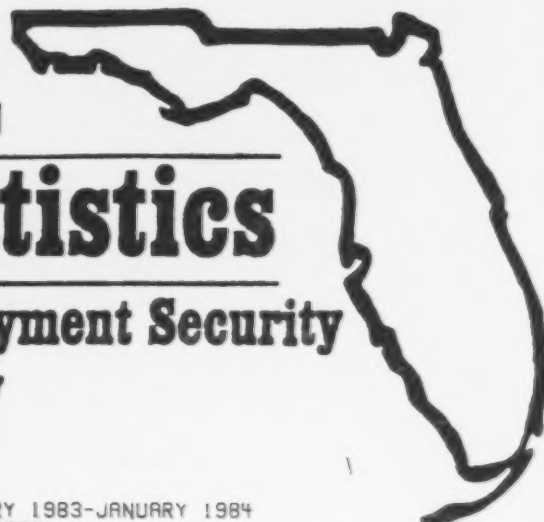
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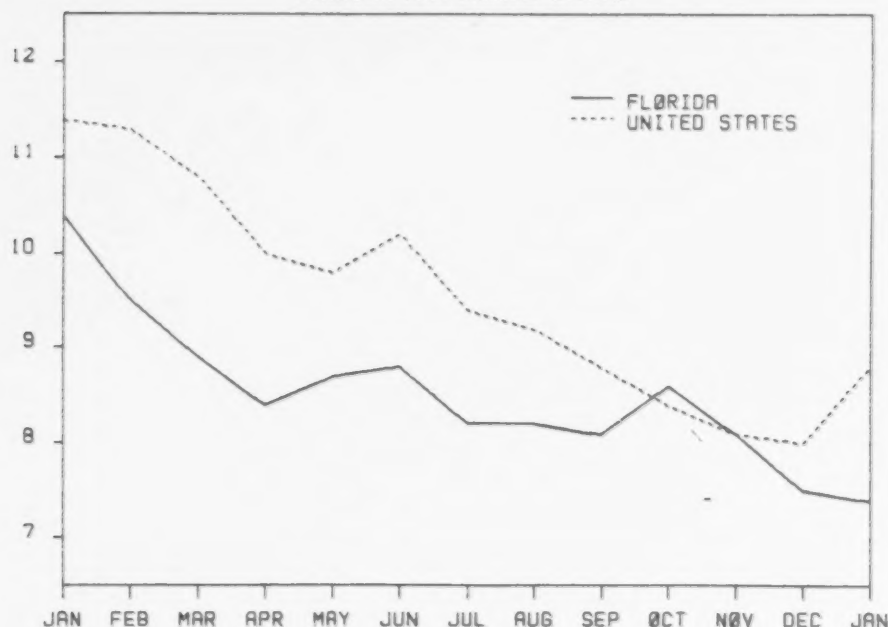
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## Employment Statistics

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (UNADJUSTED), JANUARY 1983-JANUARY 1984  
FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES



### LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

| State of Florida     | January 1984 | December 1983 | January 1983 |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,984,400    | 5,100,500     | 4,789,200    |
| Employment           | 4,617,400    | 4,718,800     | 4,290,000    |
| Unemployment         | 367,000      | 381,700       | 499,200      |
| Unemployment Rate    | 7.4          | 7.5           | 10.4         |

Note: Data are taken from the monthly results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) and are primarily for use in allocation of money under various federal programs. Data are not seasonally adjusted.

**NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT:** Florida's nonagricultural employment dropped 0.1 percent (5,500) in January 1984. The total of 4,050,900 represents a 6.9 percent (262,200) increase in jobs over January 1983. Over-the-year increases for 1981, 1982 and 1983 amount to 4.6 percent, 2.6 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively.

Trade employment dropped 0.9 percent (10,500) in January. Most of this decrease was in general merchandise stores and miscellaneous retail stores. Government employment also showed a drop in January. Most of the decrease was in state and local government.

The construction and transportation industries remained stable. Manufacturing climbed 1.1 percent (5,400). Services climbed 3,400 jobs, of which 2,000 were in hotels and other lodging places, a seasonal gain. The finance, insurance and real estate industry passed the 300,000 mark in January, the first time in Florida's history.

Over-the-year increases were recorded in all privately owned industries. Construction showed the greatest rate of increase (19.9 percent), followed by manufacturing; finance, insurance and real estate; and trade, all showing rates of growth over 8.5 percent. Services, transportation and mining also showed good gains over the year. Government was the only industry division to record a decrease (0.3 percent).

If the present trend continues, services should pass the 1,000,000 mark within the next two months. Nonagricultural employment in Florida continues to look good, reflecting a strong recovery from the recession.

**HOURS AND EARNINGS:** Florida's manufacturing production workers' average weekly earnings for January 1984 were \$311.25. This represents a decrease of \$5.67 (1.8%) from December 1983, but an increase of \$21.41 (7.4%) over January 1983.

In durable goods, the only significant percentage increase was in the instruments and related products industry which increased \$5.28 (1.7%). This was offset by decreases in primary metal products (8.9%), electrical and electronic equipment (6.9%) and fabricated metal products (5.9%).

Average weekly earnings in nondurable goods of \$302.82 showed a \$.19 increase in January 1984 from December 1983 and a \$23.62 (8.5%) increase over January 1983. Due to seasonal productivity, more hours were worked in the food and kindred products industry, increasing the average weekly earnings by \$9.93 (3.4%) over December 1983. These gains were slightly offset by decreases in miscellaneous rubber products by \$7.85 (5.1%), printing and publishing (2.3%) and paper and allied products (1.9%). Over-the-month increases in average weekly earnings also occurred in tobacco manufacturers which were up by \$8.65 (3.2%) and chemicals and allied products which increased by \$1.97 (0.5%).



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ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS  
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

| FLORIDA                                                                | Employment |           |           | Change to Current Month |      |          |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|------|----------|------|
|                                                                        | January P  | December  | January   | Month Ago               |      | Year Ago |      |
|                                                                        | 1984       | 1983      | 1983      | No.                     | %    | No.      | %    |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT/1                                     | 4,050,900  | 4,056,400 | 3,788,700 | -5,500                  | -0.1 | 262,200  | 6.9  |
| <u>Manufacturing</u>                                                   | 493,400    | 488,000   | 449,600   | 5,400                   | 1.1  | 43,800   | 9.7  |
| Durable Goods                                                          | 284,900    | 281,900   | 254,400   | 3,000                   | 1.1  | 30,500   | 12.0 |
| Lumber & Wood Products                                                 | 25,800     | 25,800    | 21,300    | 0                       | 0.0  | 4,500    | 21.1 |
| Furniture & Fixtures                                                   | 11,800     | 11,700    | 10,800    | 100                     | 0.9  | 1,000    | 9.3  |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products                                           | 22,200     | 21,900    | 19,600    | 300                     | 1.4  | 2,600    | 13.3 |
| Primary Metal Industries                                               | 5,200      | 5,200     | 4,700     | 0                       | 0.0  | 500      | 10.6 |
| Fabricated Metal Products                                              | 33,600     | 33,100    | 30,400    | 500                     | 1.5  | 3,200    | 10.5 |
| Machinery, except Electrical                                           | 39,900     | 39,300    | 36,100    | 600                     | 1.5  | 3,800    | 10.5 |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip.                                         | 73,100     | 71,800    | 64,400    | 1,300                   | 1.8  | 8,700    | 13.5 |
| Transportation Equipment                                               | 52,300     | 52,000    | 47,700    | 300                     | 0.6  | 4,600    | 9.6  |
| Instruments & Related Products                                         | 12,500     | 12,600    | 11,600    | -100                    | -0.8 | 900      | 7.8  |
| Misc. Manufacturing Industries                                         | 8,500      | 8,500     | 7,800     | 0                       | 0.0  | 700      | 9.0  |
| Nondurable Goods                                                       | 208,500    | 206,100   | 195,200   | 2,400                   | 1.2  | 13,300   | 6.8  |
| Food & Kindred Products                                                | 53,900     | 52,900    | 52,100    | 1,000                   | 1.9  | 1,800    | 3.5  |
| Preserved Fruits & Vegetables                                          | 18,000     | 16,400    | 15,600    | 1,600                   | 9.8  | 2,400    | 15.4 |
| Tobacco Manufacturers                                                  | 2,200      | 2,100     | 1,900     | 100                     | 4.8  | 300      | 15.8 |
| Textile Mill Products                                                  | 2,300      | 2,200     | 2,200     | 100                     | 4.5  | 100      | 4.5  |
| Apparel & Other Textile Prod.                                          | 34,100     | 33,900    | 31,000    | 200                     | 0.6  | 3,100    | 10.0 |
| Paper & Allied Products                                                | 16,000     | 15,700    | 15,300    | 300                     | 1.9  | 700      | 4.6  |
| Printing & Publishing                                                  | 51,600     | 51,200    | 46,200    | 400                     | 0.8  | 5,400    | 11.7 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products                                            | 27,200     | 26,900    | 26,100    | 300                     | 1.1  | 1,100    | 4.2  |
| Petroleum & Coal Products                                              | 1,900      | 1,900     | 1,600     | 0                       | 0.0  | 300      | 18.8 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products                                        | 16,200     | 16,100    | 15,700    | 100                     | 0.6  | 500      | 3.2  |
| Leather & Leather Products                                             | 3,100      | 3,200     | 3,100     | -100                    | -3.1 | 0        | 0.0  |
| <u>Mining</u>                                                          | 10,000     | 9,900     | 9,600     | 100                     | 1.0  | 400      | 4.2  |
| Nonmetallic Minerals (exc. Fuels)                                      | 8,500      | 8,500     | 8,300     | 0                       | 0.0  | 200      | 2.4  |
| Phosphate Rock                                                         | 5,300      | 5,300     | 5,000     | 0                       | 0.0  | 300      | 6.0  |
| <u>Construction</u>                                                    | 287,800    | 287,800   | 240,100   | 0                       | 0.0  | 47,700   | 19.9 |
| General Building Contractors                                           | 77,600     | 76,700    | 63,500    | 900                     | 1.2  | 14,100   | 22.2 |
| Heavy Construction Contractors                                         | 47,300     | 47,200    | 42,500    | 100                     | 0.2  | 4,800    | 11.3 |
| Special Trade Contractors                                              | 162,900    | 163,900   | 134,100   | -1,000                  | -0.6 | 28,800   | 21.5 |
| <u>Transportation &amp; Public Utilities, exc. U.S. Postal Service</u> | 232,700    | 232,600   | 230,500   | 100                     | 0.0  | 2,200    | 1.0  |
| Transportation                                                         | 128,300    | 127,600   | 124,100   | 700                     | 0.5  | 4,200    | 3.4  |
| Railroad Transportation                                                | 9,000      | 9,100     | 9,900     | -100                    | -1.1 | -900     | -9.1 |
| Local & Interurban Passenger Transit                                   | 7,500      | 7,500     | 7,200     | 0                       | 0.0  | 300      | 4.2  |
| Trucking & Warehousing                                                 | 42,200     | 42,000    | 38,700    | 200                     | 0.5  | 3,500    | 9.0  |
| Water Transportation                                                   | 14,100     | 13,600    | 14,000    | 500                     | 3.7  | 100      | 0.7  |
| Transportation by Air                                                  | 42,800     | 42,700    | 41,800    | 100                     | 0.2  | 1,000    | 2.4  |
| Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service                                | 73,900     | 73,900    | 75,400    | 0                       | 0.0  | -1,500   | -2.0 |
| Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Serv.                                        | 30,500     | 31,100    | 31,000    | -600                    | -1.9 | -500     | -1.6 |

| FLORIDA                                     | Employment |           |           | Change to Current Month |      |          |       |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|------|----------|-------|
|                                             | January    | December  | January   | Month Ago               |      | Year Ago |       |
|                                             | 1984       | 1983      | 1983      | No.                     | %    | No.      | %     |
| <u>Wholesale &amp; Retail Trade</u>         | 1,098,900  | 1,109,400 | 1,011,300 | -10,500                 | -0.9 | 87,600   | 8.7   |
| Wholesale Trade                             | 229,800    | 231,000   | 213,900   | - 1,200                 | -0.5 | 15,900   | 7.4   |
| Wholesale Trade Durable Goods               | 139,700    | 139,500   | 126,400   | 200                     | 0.1  | 13,300   | 10.5  |
| Wholesale Trade Nondurable Goods            | 90,100     | 91,500    | 87,500    | - 1,400                 | -1.5 | 2,600    | 3.0   |
| Retail Trade                                | 869,100    | 878,400   | 797,400   | - 9,300                 | -1.1 | 71,700   | 9.0   |
| Building Materials & Garden                 |            |           |           |                         |      |          |       |
| Supplies & Mobile Home Dealers              | 36,900     | 36,700    | 32,800    | 200                     | 0.5  | 4,100    | 12.5  |
| General Merchandise Stores                  | 113,500    | 119,900   | 109,400   | - 6,400                 | -5.3 | 4,100    | 3.7   |
| Food Stores                                 | 146,500    | 148,200   | 138,000   | - 1,700                 | -1.1 | 8,500    | 6.2   |
| Automotive Dealers & Service                |            |           |           |                         |      |          |       |
| Stations                                    | 94,500     | 93,600    | 86,500    | 900                     | 1.0  | 8,000    | 9.2   |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores                  | 47,900     | 48,500    | 44,400    | - 600                   | -1.2 | 3,500    | 7.9   |
| Furniture & Home Furnishings                | 39,500     | 39,300    | 35,900    | 200                     | 0.5  | 3,600    | 10.0  |
| Eating & Drinking Places                    | 296,800    | 294,500   | 259,000   | 2,300                   | 0.8  | 37,800   | 14.6  |
| Miscellaneous Retail                        | 93,500     | 97,700    | 91,400    | - 4,200                 | -4.3 | 2,100    | 2.3   |
| <u>Finance, Insurance &amp; Real Estate</u> | 300,300    | 297,600   | 274,700   | 2,700                   | 0.9  | 25,600   | 9.3   |
| Banking                                     | 65,100     | 65,000    | 62,600    | 100                     | 0.2  | 2,500    | 4.0   |
| Credit Agencies Other than Banks            | 50,300     | 49,900    | 43,900    | 400                     | 0.9  | 6,400    | 14.6  |
| Insurance Carriers                          | 46,100     | 46,100    | 44,400    | 0                       | 0.0  | 1,700    | 3.8   |
| Insurance Agents, Brokers, &                |            |           |           |                         |      |          |       |
| Service                                     | 26,100     | 26,000    | 24,200    | 100                     | 0.4  | 1,900    | 7.9   |
| Real Estate                                 | 92,900     | 90,500    | 82,200    | 2,400                   | 2.7  | 10,700   | 13.0  |
| <u>Services /2</u>                          | 991,300    | 987,900   | 934,600   | 3,400                   | 0.3  | 56,700   | 6.1   |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places               | 99,300     | 97,300    | 96,100    | 2,000                   | 2.1  | 3,200    | 3.3   |
| Personal Services                           | 49,000     | 49,600    | 49,400    | - 600                   | -1.2 | - 400    | - 0.8 |
| Business Services                           | 181,000    | 181,300   | 163,300   | - 300                   | -0.2 | 17,700   | 10.8  |
| Auto Repair, Services, & Garages            | 37,700     | 37,600    | 33,600    | 100                     | 0.3  | 4,100    | 12.2  |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services               | 18,600     | 18,700    | 16,600    | - 100                   | -0.5 | 2,000    | 12.0  |
| Motion Pictures                             | 7,500      | 7,100     | 6,000     | 400                     | 5.6  | 1,500    | 25.0  |
| Amusement & Recreation Services             | 69,300     | 69,600    | 67,400    | - 300                   | -0.4 | 1,900    | 2.8   |
| Health Services                             | 268,800    | 267,400   | 257,000   | 1,400                   | 0.5  | 11,800   | 4.6   |
| Legal Services                              | 36,200     | 36,200    | 33,100    | 0                       | 0.0  | 3,100    | 9.4   |
| Educational Services                        | 41,900     | 42,100    | 39,600    | - 200                   | -0.5 | 2,300    | 5.8   |
| Miscellaneous Services                      | 53,300     | 51,700    | 50,200    | 1,600                   | 3.1  | 3,100    | 6.2   |
| <u>Total Government</u>                     | 636,500    | 643,200   | 638,300   | - 6,700                 | -1.0 | - 1,800  | - 0.3 |
| Total Federal Government                    | 94,800     | 95,000    | 93,000    | - 200                   | -0.2 | 1,800    | 1.9   |
| Total State Government                      | 129,500    | 133,000   | 126,600   | - 3,500                 | -2.6 | 2,900    | 2.3   |
| Total Local Government                      | 412,200    | 415,200   | 418,700   | - 3,000                 | -0.7 | - 6,500  | - 1.6 |

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1/ All industries are classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1977. Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salaried workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month, with the exception of federal employment for the Department of Defense, which is on an end-of-the-month basis. Proprietors, self-employed persons domestic workers and military personnel of the armed forces are excluded. All data are adjusted to the first quarter 1981 benchmark levels.

2/ Includes a miscellaneous group of agricultural service establishments and establish elsewhere classified.

## Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing Industries

| FLORIDA                                | Average<br>Weekly Earnings   |              |              | Average<br>Weekly Hours      |              |              | Average<br>Hourly Earnings   |              |              |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                        | <sup>p</sup><br>Jan.<br>1984 | Dec.<br>1983 | Jan.<br>1983 | <sup>p</sup><br>Jan.<br>1984 | Dec.<br>1983 | Jan.<br>1983 | <sup>p</sup><br>Jan.<br>1984 | Dec.<br>1983 | Jan.<br>1983 |
| MANUFACTURING                          | \$311.25                     | \$316.92     | \$289.84     | 41.5                         | 42.2         | 40.2         | \$ 7.50                      | \$ 7.51      | \$ 7.21      |
| Durable Goods                          | 318.93                       | 329.47       | 300.92       | 41.8                         | 42.9         | 40.5         | 7.63                         | 7.68         | 7.43         |
| Lumber & Wood Products                 | 255.19                       | 261.87       | 238.34       | 40.7                         | 41.5         | 39.2         | 6.27                         | 6.31         | 6.08         |
| Furniture & Fixtures                   | 217.71                       | 222.22       | 217.86       | 36.9                         | 37.6         | 38.7         | 5.90                         | 5.91         | 5.63         |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products           | 363.53                       | 364.00       | 337.37       | 45.9                         | 45.5         | 44.1         | 7.92                         | 8.00         | 7.65         |
| Primary Metal Industries               | 329.67                       | 361.89       | 291.40       | 40.7                         | 44.9         | 39.7         | 8.10                         | 8.06         | 7.34         |
| Fabricated Metal Prod.                 | 310.01                       | 329.38       | 304.07       | 41.5                         | 42.5         | 39.8         | 7.47                         | 7.75         | 7.64         |
| Machinery, except Electrical           | 334.83                       | 346.58       | 315.42       | 41.7                         | 43.0         | 42.0         | 8.03                         | 8.06         | 7.51         |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment        | 341.98                       | 367.23       | 307.13       | 43.9                         | 46.9         | 40.2         | 7.79                         | 7.83         | 7.64         |
| Transportation Equip.                  | 358.41                       | 359.86       | 361.20       | 39.0                         | 39.2         | 40.0         | 9.19                         | 9.18         | 9.03         |
| Instruments & Related Products         | 315.82                       | 310.54       | 294.89       | 41.5                         | 40.7         | 40.9         | 7.61                         | 7.63         | 7.21         |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries | 241.23                       | 240.12       | 213.01       | 42.1                         | 42.2         | 39.3         | 5.73                         | 5.69         | 5.42         |
| Nondurable Goods                       | 302.82                       | 302.63       | 279.20       | 41.2                         | 41.4         | 40.0         | 7.35                         | 7.31         | 6.98         |
| Food & Kindred Prods.                  | 297.88                       | 287.95       | 277.49       | 44.0                         | 43.3         | 42.3         | 6.77                         | 6.65         | 6.56         |
| Preserved Fruits & Vegetables          | 313.94                       | 285.38       | 279.23       | 48.9                         | 44.8         | 45.7         | 6.42                         | 6.37         | 6.11         |
| Tobacco Manufactures                   | 280.70                       | 272.05       | 250.98       | 40.1                         | 39.2         | 36.8         | 7.00                         | 6.94         | 6.82         |
| Apparel & Other Textiles               | 170.63                       | 173.28       | 164.26       | 35.4                         | 36.1         | 34.8         | 4.82                         | 4.80         | 4.72         |
| Paper & Allied Prods.                  | 473.48                       | 482.76       | 437.00       | 44.5                         | 45.5         | 43.7         | 10.64                        | 10.61        | 10.00        |
| Printing & Publishing                  | 327.93                       | 335.67       | 310.40       | 38.9                         | 40.2         | 38.8         | 8.43                         | 8.35         | 8.00         |
| Chemicals & Allied Products            | 436.90                       | 434.93       | 390.69       | 43.3                         | 43.8         | 42.1         | 10.09                        | 9.93         | 9.28         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products        | 242.10                       | 249.95       | 216.14       | 43.7                         | 42.8         | 40.1         | 5.54                         | 5.84         | 5.39         |
| NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS     | 384.09                       | 382.07       | 367.21       | 46.5                         | 46.2         | 46.6         | 8.26                         | 8.27         | 7.88         |
| Phosphate Rock                         | 412.70                       | 416.35       | 397.68       | 42.9                         | 43.1         | 42.9         | 9.62                         | 9.66         | 9.27         |
| COMMUNICATION                          | 474.29                       | 471.91       | 422.14       | 41.1                         | 41.0         | 39.9         | 11.54                        | 11.51        | 10.58        |
| ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES      | 450.37                       | 455.87       | 437.64       | 41.8                         | 41.9         | 42.0         | 10.87                        | 10.88        | 10.42        |
| BANKING                                | 225.43                       | 211.63       | 215.99       | 40.4                         | 38.2         | 40.6         | 5.58                         | 5.54         | 5.32         |

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These average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect changes in premium pay for overtime and late shift work as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates. Estimates are for all full-time production and related workers who are employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

Nonagricultural Employment  
Florida  
(In Thousands)

| Industry                                               | January<br>1984 | December<br>1983 | January<br>1983 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| TOTAL                                                  | 4,037.6         | 4,009.2          | 3,785.5         |
| Mining                                                 | 10.0            | 9.8              | 9.6             |
| Construction                                           | 296.2           | 288.2            | 247.1           |
| Manufacturing                                          | 492.3           | 487.3            | 458.5           |
| Durable Goods                                          | 287.1           | 282.9            | 257.0           |
| Nondurable Goods                                       | 205.2           | 204.4            | 201.5           |
| Transportation, Communication, and<br>Public Utilities | 233.0           | 230.3            | 230.9           |
| Trade                                                  | 1,084.6         | 1,079.5          | 996.4           |
| Wholesale                                              | 220.1           | 230.2            | 204.9           |
| Retail                                                 | 864.5           | 849.3            | 791.5           |
| Eating and Drinking Places                             | 295.8           | 293.2            | 257.8           |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate                    | 302.1           | 296.6            | 276.3           |
| Services                                               | 985.5           | 983.5            | 930.8           |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places                        | 97.6            | 99.3             | 95.7            |
| Health Services                                        | 269.2           | 269.2            | 257.4           |
| Government                                             | 633.9           | 634.0            | 635.9           |

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Unemployment Compensation Activity  
Florida

|                     | January<br>1984 | December<br>1983 | January<br>1983 |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Initial Claims/1    | 36,711          | 29,111           | 54,008          |
| Weeks Claimed/2     | 229,306         | 237,087          | 411,325         |
| Total U.C. Payments | \$17,579,106    | \$18,426,134     | \$30,705,331    |

1/ Regular State UI

2/ Total Intrastate + Internet

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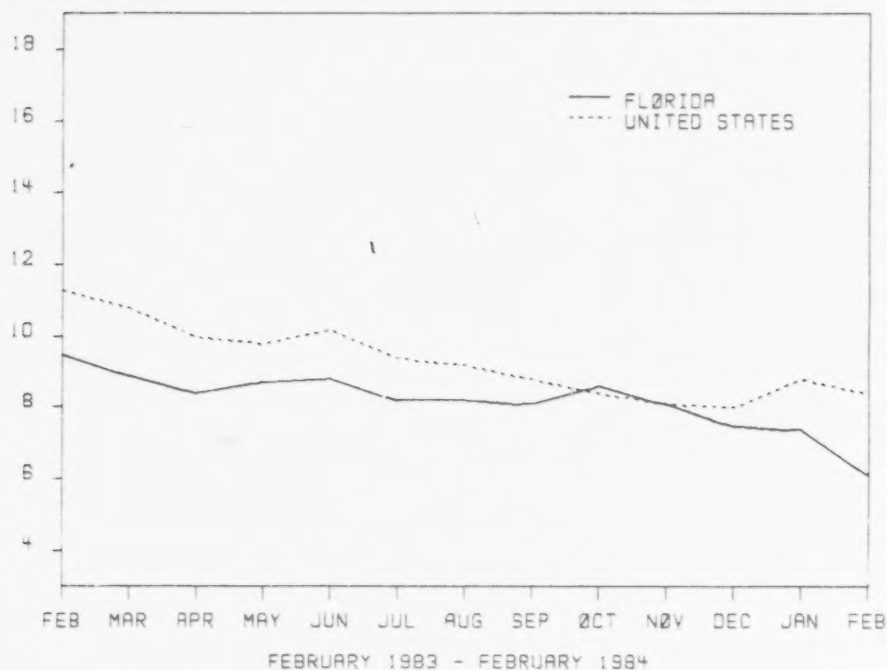
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# FLORIDA

## Employment Statistics

Department of Labor and Employment Security  
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (UNADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE SUMMARY\*

| State of Florida     | February 1984 <sup>P</sup> | January 1984 | February 1983 |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,991,100                  | 4,984,400    | 4,682,300     |
| Employment           | 4,684,900                  | 4,617,400    | 4,238,000     |
| Unemployment         | 306,200                    | 367,000      | 444,300       |
| Unemployment Rate    | 6.1                        | 7.4          | 9.5           |

Note: Data are taken from the monthly results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) and are primarily for use in allocation of money under various federal programs. Data are not seasonally adjusted.

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**NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT:** Total nonagricultural employment in Florida increased by 25,000 (0.6 percent) over the month, bringing the employment level to 4,084,000. Over the year, total nonagricultural employment was up 267,900 (7.0 percent). Compared to the increase from February 1982 to February 1983 of only 0.7 percent, Florida's employment situation looks very favorable.

The services industry increased over the month by 11,100 (1.1 percent), bringing services employment over the one million mark to a record 1,006,100.

Construction employment continued to grow, rising to 290,900, the highest level that construction employment has reached since July 1981 when employment was 292,500. From July 1981 to January 1983, construction employment steadily declined to a low of 240,100 jobs. Since that point, the construction industry has gained 50,800 jobs.

Total government increased over the month and over the year. All components increased over the month with the largest gain occurring in local government, up 4,800 jobs, the only component that registered a decrease from February 1983.

Manufacturing was the only major industry division to show a decline over the month. Within this division, nondurable goods lost 1,200 jobs. The largest decrease occurred in the food and kindred products industry, particularly in preserved fruits and vegetables.

The trade industry rose 1,300 (0.1 percent) in February, following the usual seasonal trend. All other industries showed modest gains.

**HOURS AND EARNINGS:** In February 1984, production workers in Florida's manufacturing industries earned an average weekly salary of \$313.17. This was an increase of \$1.59 (0.5 percent) over January 1984 and \$23.57 (8.1 percent) over February 1983.

Average weekly earnings for February 1984 in durable goods increased \$2.95 (0.9 percent) over January 1984. The most significant gains occurred in the machinery, except electrical, industry (5.0 percent), the transportation equipment industry (3.1 percent), and the fabricated metal products industry (1.9 percent). These gains were slightly offset with decreases in the instruments and related products industry (1.9 percent), miscellaneous manufacturing industries (2.5 percent), lumber and wood products (2.2 percent), and electrical and electronic equipment (1.6 percent).

In nondurable goods manufacturing, the weekly wages increased from \$303.23 in January 1984 to \$303.46 in February 1984. The rubber and miscellaneous plastic products industry had the highest gain with \$29.86 (12.3 percent), followed by the apparel and other textile products industry (5.5 percent). Decreases in tobacco manufacturing (28.9 percent) and food and kindred products (5.6 percent) offset the gains made in nondurable goods manufacturing.



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|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
|                                                                        | February 1984 | January 1984 | February 1983 | Month Ago               |       | Year Ago |       |
|                                                                        |               |              |               | No.                     | %     | No.      | %     |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT/1                                     | 4,084,000     | 4,059,000    | 3,816,100     | 25,000                  | - 0.6 | 267,900  | 7.0   |
| <u>Manufacturing</u>                                                   | 493,300       | 493,500      | 450,700       | - 200                   | 0.0   | 42,600   | 9.5   |
| Durable Goods                                                          | 285,000       | 284,000      | 255,400       | 1,000                   | 0.4   | 29,600   | 11.6  |
| Lumber & Wood Products                                                 | 26,300        | 26,000       | 21,500        | 300                     | 1.2   | 4,800    | 22.3  |
| Furniture & Fixtures                                                   | 11,300        | 11,700       | 10,900        | - 400                   | - 3.4 | 400      | 3.7   |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products                                           | 22,300        | 22,100       | 19,600        | 200                     | 0.9   | 2,700    | 13.8  |
| Primary Metal Industries                                               | 5,200         | 5,100        | 4,800         | 100                     | 2.0   | 400      | 8.3   |
| Fabricated Metal Products                                              | 33,300        | 33,500       | 30,400        | - 200                   | - 0.6 | 2,900    | 9.5   |
| Machinery, except Electrical                                           | 39,700        | 39,400       | 35,800        | 300                     | 0.8   | 3,900    | 10.9  |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip.                                         | 74,500        | 72,900       | 64,700        | 1,600                   | 2.2   | 9,800    | 15.1  |
| Transportation Equipment                                               | 51,200        | 52,200       | 48,100        | -1,000                  | - 1.9 | 3,100    | 6.4   |
| Instruments & Related Products                                         | 12,700        | 12,500       | 11,600        | 200                     | 1.6   | 1,100    | 9.5   |
| Misc. Manufacturing Industries                                         | 8,500         | 8,600        | 8,000         | - 100                   | - 1.2 | 500      | 6.3   |
| Nondurable Goods                                                       | 208,300       | 209,500      | 195,300       | -1,200                  | - 0.6 | 13,000   | 6.7   |
| Food & Kindred Products                                                | 53,000        | 55,000       | 51,000        | -2,000                  | - 3.6 | 2,000    | 3.9   |
| Preserved Fruits & Vegetables                                          | 16,900        | 19,000       | 14,800        | -2,100                  | -11.1 | 2,100    | 14.2  |
| Tobacco Manufacturers                                                  | 2,200         | 2,200        | 2,000         | 0                       | 0.0   | 200      | 10.0  |
| Textile Mill Products                                                  | 2,100         | 2,200        | 2,200         | - 100                   | - 4.5 | 100      | - 4.5 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Prod.                                          | 34,500        | 34,000       | 31,600        | 500                     | 1.5   | 2,900    | 9.2   |
| Paper & Allied Products                                                | 16,000        | 16,100       | 15,300        | - 100                   | - 0.6 | 700      | 4.6   |
| Printing & Publishing                                                  | 51,700        | 51,500       | 46,600        | 200                     | 0.4   | 5,100    | 10.9  |
| Chemicals & Allied Products                                            | 27,300        | 27,200       | 26,100        | 100                     | 0.4   | 1,200    | 4.6   |
| Petroleum & Coal Products                                              | 1,900         | 1,900        | 1,600         | 0                       | 0.0   | 300      | 18.8  |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products                                        | 16,400        | 16,200       | 15,800        | 200                     | 1.2   | 600      | 3.8   |
| Leather & Leather Products                                             | 3,200         | 3,200        | 3,100         | 0                       | 0.0   | 100      | 3.2   |
| <u>Mining</u>                                                          | 10,200        | 10,100       | 9,300         | 100                     | 1.0   | 900      | 9.7   |
| Nonmetallic Minerals (exc. Fuels)                                      | 8,700         | 8,700        | 8,000         | 0                       | 0.0   | 700      | 8.8   |
| Phosphate Rock                                                         | 5,300         | 5,300        | 4,700         | 0                       | 0.0   | 600      | 12.8  |
| <u>Construction</u>                                                    | 290,900       | 288,000      | 242,500       | 2,900                   | 1.0   | 48,400   | 20.0  |
| General Building Contractors                                           | 77,800        | 78,600       | 64,100        | - 800                   | - 1.0 | 13,700   | 21.4  |
| Heavy Construction Contractors                                         | 49,300        | 47,300       | 42,800        | 2,000                   | 4.2   | 6,500    | 15.2  |
| Special Trade Contractors                                              | 163,800       | 162,100      | 135,600       | 1,700                   | 1.0   | 28,200   | 20.8  |
| <u>Transportation &amp; Public Utilities, exc. U.S. Postal Service</u> | 229,400       | 229,100      | 230,200       | 300                     | 0.1   | - 800    | - 0.3 |
| Transportation                                                         | 128,300       | 128,000      | 124,000       | 300                     | 0.2   | 4,300    | 3.5   |
| Railroad Transportation                                                | 9,000         | 9,100        | 9,700         | - 100                   | - 1.1 | 700      | - 7.2 |
| Local & Interurban Passenger Transit                                   | 7,400         | 7,300        | 7,200         | 100                     | 1.4   | 200      | 2.8   |
| Trucking & Warehousing                                                 | 42,500        | 42,200       | 38,900        | 300                     | 0.7   | 3,600    | 9.3   |
| Water Transportation                                                   | 12,900        | 13,800       | 13,500        | - 900                   | - 6.5 | 600      | - 4.4 |
| Transportation by Air                                                  | 43,300        | 42,700       | 41,900        | 600                     | 1.4   | 1,400    | 3.3   |
| Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service                                | 69,300        | 69,400       | 75,000        | - 100                   | - 0.1 | 5,700    | - 7.6 |
| Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Serv.                                        | 31,800        | 31,700       | 31,200        | 100                     | 0.3   | 600      | - 1.9 |

| FLORIDA                                                    | Employment    |              |               | Change to Current Month |      |          |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|------|----------|-------|
|                                                            | February 1984 | January 1984 | February 1983 | Month Ago               |      | Year Ago |       |
|                                                            |               |              |               | No.                     | %    | No.      | %     |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                                   | 1,103,700     | 1,102,400    | 1,012,600     | 1,300                   | 0.1  | 91,100   | 9.0   |
| Wholesale Trade                                            | 229,500       | 230,000      | 214,000       | - 500                   | 0.2  | 15,500   | 7.2   |
| Wholesale Trade Durable Goods                              | 139,100       | 139,000      | 126,600       | 100                     | 0.1  | 12,500   | 9.9   |
| Wholesale Trade Nondurable Goods                           | 90,400        | 91,000       | 87,400        | - 600                   | -0.7 | 3,600    | 3.4   |
| Retail Trade                                               | 874,200       | 872,400      | 798,600       | 1,800                   | 0.2  | 75,600   | 9.5   |
| Building Materials & Garden Supplies & Mobile Home Dealers | 36,500        | 36,500       | 33,000        | 0                       | 0.0  | 3,500    | 10.6  |
| General Merchandise Stores                                 | 103,700       | 112,400      | 104,300       | - 8,700                 | -7.7 | - 600    | - 0.6 |
| Food Stores                                                | 149,600       | 149,600      | 138,800       | 0                       | 0.0  | 10,800   | 7.8   |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations                      | 96,100        | 95,000       | 86,700        | 1,100                   | 1.2  | 9,400    | 10.8  |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores                                 | 46,600        | 46,800       | 44,700        | - 200                   | -0.4 | 1,900    | 4.3   |
| Furniture & Home Furnishings                               | 39,400        | 39,400       | 35,800        | 0                       | 0.0  | 3,600    | 10.1  |
| Eating & Drinking Places                                   | 307,700       | 299,700      | 264,300       | 8,000                   | 2.7  | 43,400   | 16.4  |
| Miscellaneous Retail                                       | 94,600        | 93,000       | 91,000        | 1,600                   | 1.7  | 3,600    | 4.0   |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate                           | 301,900       | 300,900      | 276,300       | 1,000                   | 0.3  | 25,600   | 9.3   |
| Banking                                                    | 66,900        | 66,700       | 63,000        | 200                     | 0.3  | 3,900    | 6.2   |
| Credit Agencies Other than Banks                           | 50,600        | 50,200       | 44,500        | 400                     | 0.8  | 6,100    | 13.7  |
| Insurance Carriers                                         | 45,700        | 46,300       | 44,500        | - 600                   | -1.3 | 1,200    | 2.7   |
| Insurance Agents, Brokers, & Service                       | 26,400        | 26,100       | 24,200        | 300                     | 1.1  | 2,200    | 9.1   |
| Real Estate                                                | 92,500        | 91,800       | 82,600        | 700                     | 0.8  | 9,900    | 12.0  |
| Services /2                                                | 1,006,100     | 995,000      | 947,300       | 11,100                  | 1.1  | 58,800   | 6.2   |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places                              | 102,900       | 99,900       | 100,600       | 3,000                   | 3.0  | 2,300    | 2.3   |
| Personal Services                                          | 50,400        | 50,000       | 50,300        | 400                     | 0.8  | 100      | 0.2   |
| Business Services                                          | 180,100       | 182,700      | 165,200       | - 2,600                 | -1.4 | 14,900   | 9.0   |
| Auto Repair, Services, & Garages                           | 39,900        | 37,600       | 34,300        | 2,300                   | 6.1  | 5,600    | 16.3  |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services                              | 18,600        | 18,500       | 16,700        | 100                     | 0.5  | 1,900    | 11.4  |
| Motion Pictures                                            | 7,100         | 7,100        | 5,900         | 0                       | 0.0  | 1,200    | 20.3  |
| Amusement & Recreation Services                            | 72,100        | 70,500       | 68,900        | 1,600                   | 2.3  | 3,200    | 4.6   |
| Health Services                                            | 270,000       | 268,500      | 258,800       | 1,500                   | 0.6  | 11,200   | 4.3   |
| Legal Services                                             | 36,800        | 36,200       | 33,200        | 600                     | 1.7  | 3,600    | 10.8  |
| Educational Services                                       | 43,200        | 42,000       | - 40,900      | 1,200                   | 2.9  | 2,300    | 5.6   |
| Miscellaneous Services                                     | 54,400        | 53,000       | 49,200        | 1,400                   | 2.6  | 5,200    | 10.6  |
| Total Government                                           | 648,500       | 640,000      | 647,200       | 8,500                   | 1.3  | 1,300    | 0.2   |
| Total Federal Government                                   | 95,100        | 94,500       | 92,900        | 600                     | 0.6  | 2,200    | 2.4   |
| Total State Government                                     | 132,800       | 129,500      | 129,400       | 3,300                   | 2.5  | 3,400    | 2.6   |
| Total Local Government                                     | 420,600       | 416,000      | 424,900       | 4,600                   | 1.1  | - 4,300  | - 1.0 |

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1/ All industries are classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1977. Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salaried workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month, with the exception of federal employment for the Department of Defense, which is on an end-of-the-month basis. Proprietors, self-employed persons, domestic workers and military personnel of the armed forces are excluded. All data are adjusted to the first quarter 1983 benchmark levels.

2/ Includes a miscellaneous group of agricultural service establishments and establishments elsewhere classified.

Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing Industries

| FLORIDA                                                   | Average<br>Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average<br>Weekly Hours |              |              | Average<br>Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                           | Feb.<br>1984               | Jan.<br>1984 | Feb.<br>1983 | Feb.<br>1984            | Jan.<br>1984 | Feb.<br>1983 | Feb.<br>1984               | Jan.<br>1984 | Feb.<br>1983 |
| MANUFACTURING                                             | \$313.17                   | \$311.58     | \$289.60     | 41.7                    | 41.6         | 40.0         | \$ 7.51                    | \$ 7.49      | \$ 7.24      |
| Durable Goods                                             | 321.39                     | 318.44       | 299.49       | 42.4                    | 41.9         | 40.2         | 7.58                       | 7.60         | 7.45         |
| Lumber & Wood Products                                    | 252.00                     | 257.70       | 241.59       | 40.0                    | 41.1         | 39.8         | 6.30                       | 6.27         | 6.07         |
| Furniture & Fixtures                                      | 221.25                     | 222.46       | 213.00       | 37.0                    | 37.2         | 37.9         | 5.98                       | 5.98         | 5.62         |
| Stone, Clay & Glass<br>Products                           | 357.50                     | 353.40       | 328.70       | 45.6                    | 43.9         | 42.8         | 7.84                       | 8.05         | 7.68         |
| Primary Metal<br>Industries                               | 322.75                     | 322.36       | 268.26       | 40.7                    | 40.5         | 36.9         | 7.93                       | 7.96         | 7.27         |
| Fabricated Metal Prod.                                    | 315.95                     | 310.16       | 302.94       | 41.3                    | 41.3         | 39.6         | 7.65                       | 7.51         | 7.65         |
| Machinery, except<br>Electrical                           | 345.44                     | 328.97       | 308.86       | 42.7                    | 41.8         | 40.8         | 8.09                       | 7.87         | 7.57         |
| Electric & Electronic<br>Equipment                        | 335.55                     | 340.87       | 311.30       | 44.8                    | 44.5         | 40.8         | 7.49                       | 7.66         | 7.63         |
| Transportation Equip.                                     | 377.45                     | 366.03       | 361.55       | 41.8                    | 39.7         | 39.6         | 9.03                       | 9.22         | 9.13         |
| Instruments & Related<br>Products                         | 304.79                     | 310.72       | 297.19       | 41.3                    | 41.1         | 40.6         | 7.38                       | 7.56         | 7.32         |
| Miscellaneous Manu-<br>facturing Industries               | 231.01                     | 236.97       | 214.88       | 40.6                    | 41.5         | 39.5         | 5.69                       | 5.71         | 5.44         |
| Nondurable Goods                                          | 303.48                     | 303.23       | 278.69       | 40.9                    | 41.2         | 39.7         | 7.42                       | 7.36         | 7.02         |
| Food & Kindred Prods.<br>Preserved Fruits &<br>Vegetables | 277.71                     | 294.30       | 277.86       | 40.9                    | 43.6         | 42.1         | 6.79                       | 6.75         | 6.60         |
| Tobacco Manufactures                                      | 286.21                     | 316.36       | 259.11       | 44.1                    | 49.2         | 42.2         | 6.49                       | 6.43         | 6.14         |
| Apparel & Other<br>Textiles                               | 199.53                     | 280.70       | 265.87       | 29.3                    | 40.1         | 38.2         | 6.81                       | 7.00         | 6.96         |
| Paper & Allied Prods.                                     | 179.83                     | 170.40       | 166.34       | 36.7                    | 35.5         | 34.8         | 4.90                       | 4.80         | 4.78         |
| Printing & Publishing                                     | 489.52                     | 489.14       | 431.00       | 45.2                    | 45.8         | 43.1         | 10.83                      | 10.68        | 10.00        |
| Chemicals & Allied<br>Products                            | 329.28                     | 328.77       | 311.04       | 39.2                    | 39.0         | 38.4         | 8.40                       | 8.43         | 8.10         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic<br>Products                        | 436.25                     | 436.32       | 389.25       | 43.8                    | 43.2         | 41.9         | 9.96                       | 10.10        | 9.29         |
|                                                           | 273.46                     | 243.60       | 216.01       | 45.2                    | 43.5         | 40.3         | 6.05                       | 5.60         | 5.36         |
| NONMETALLIC MINERALS,<br>EXCEPT FUELS                     | 370.06                     | 381.77       | 370.06       | 45.8                    | 46.5         | 46.2         | 8.08                       | 8.21         | 8.01         |
| Phosphate Rock                                            | 405.22                     | 409.60       | 411.65       | 42.7                    | 42.8         | 43.7         | 9.49                       | 9.57         | 9.42         |
| COMMUNICATION                                             | 470.60                     | 467.81       | 420.69       | 41.1                    | 41.0         | 39.8         | 11.45                      | 11.41        | 10.57        |
| ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY<br>SERVICES                      | 442.39                     | 445.36       | 408.97       | 41.5                    | 41.7         | 39.4         | 10.66                      | 10.68        | 10.38        |
| BANKING                                                   | 221.94                     | 224.47       | 205.14       | 38.8                    | 40.3         | 39.0         | 5.72                       | 5.57         | 5.26         |

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